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## Federal Opportunities

**Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals Program.** *The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families* announces funds to support projects that demonstrate and evaluate ways of creating new employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. The provision of technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community, self-employment/micro-enterprise programs, and/or new business development programs are all encouraged. Emphasis should be on individuals who are receiving TANF, unemployed, residing in public housing or receiving housing assistance, non custodial parents, and/or homeless. All non-profit organizations are eligible. Approximately ten awards up to \$500,000 will be made. The deadline is January 14, 2000. Contact Nolan Lewis at (202) 401-5282. Also see: [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm).

**Training Curriculum for the National Institute of Justice.** *The Department of Justice* solicits applications for one cooperative agreement to develop a training curriculum, "How to Develop Management Training." The 32-hour curriculum should be targeted persons responsible for training supervisors and administrators within juvenile corrections and detention settings. Any private or non-profit organization, institution, individual or team with expertise in the instructional design of training, and computer-generated audio-visual training aids is eligible. One award for \$30,000 will be made. The deadline is November 15, 1999. For the application packet, contact Judy Evens at (800) 995-6423 ext. 159 or [jevans@bop.gov](mailto:jevans@bop.gov). For technical questions, contact Steve Swisher at (800) 995-6429 ext. 126 or [sswisher@bop.gov](mailto:sswisher@bop.gov).

### **Establishment of a Disability Research Institute.**

*The Social Security Administration* seeks to establish an institute that will serve as a national resource fostering high-quality research, communication and education on disability programs. The three identified focus areas are: 1) advancements in technology and medicine; 2) the requirements of work; 3) the SSDI and SSI Programs. Universities and for-profit organizations may apply. One cooperative agreement will be funded with \$1.25 million for the initial 12-month budget period. The deadline is January 12, 2000. To request an application kit, contact E. Joe Smith at (410) 965-9503 or [joe.smith@ssa.gov](mailto:joe.smith@ssa.gov). For program questions, contact Paula Laird at (410) 965-9243 or [paula.laird@ssa.gov](mailto:paula.laird@ssa.gov)

## District Opportunities

**Innovative Assistive Technology.** *DC Assistive Technology Program* requests proposals for initiatives that improve DC residents' access to AT devices, services and information. Individuals, for-profit and non-profit organizations whose proposals serve DC residents are eligible. Awards range from \$500 to \$20,000. The deadline is November 17, 1999. Contact Gil Shamir at (202) 547-0198 ext. 121 at University Legal Services for more information.

## Private Funding Opportunities

**Lucent Universal Preschool Initiative,** A *Collaborative Project of the Child Care Action Campaign, Families and Work Institute, and the Lucent Technologies Foundation.* This request for proposals is designed to strengthen collaborative systems of early childhood care and education for

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young children from birth through age eight. Grants will support short-term, practical initiatives that promote the long-term goal of advancing the progress of universal preschool through collaboration among public schools, Head Start, child care, and other community organizations. Projects in the DC-area and other select cities will be given preference. Non-profit organizations and government agencies are eligible. Ten grants are available for up to \$100,000. The deadline for receipt of applications is October 29, 1999! Download application information from [www.familiesandwork.org/announce/lucent.html](http://www.familiesandwork.org/announce/lucent.html). Contact Susan Hibbard from the Families and Work Institute at (212) 239-0138 or [sgnngltf@aol.com](mailto:sgnngltf@aol.com).

**Do Something Grants** provide up to \$500 to help ordinary young people (under 30) do extraordinary things in their communities. Creative, problem-solving ideas to improve community are encouraged. Proposals must target a specific community issue, demonstrate a concrete plan of action, provide a detailed budget, and display adequate supervision and accountability. The deadline for Winter/Spring grants is November 1, 1999. Grants are awarded three times each year. Do Something grant applications are available through the Do Something national office at (212) 523-1175. Also visit: [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org).

**Revised Information on the Kiplinger Foundation.** *The Kiplinger Foundation* has recently made two major grant awards and is currently not accepting new applications. If you are interested in potential funding opportunities from this DC-based foundation focused on educational, health, welfare, civic and cultural organizations, please wait until after March 2000 to contact Andrea B. Wilkes at (202) 887-6559.

## Resources & Announcements

**Networks for People Conference** sponsored by the *US Department of Commerce's Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program* (TIIAP) is set for November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1999 at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, VA. Admission is free! The conference is designed as a forum to

discuss how people are using information technology to change the way they live, do business, get educated, receive services, and stay healthy. Everyone in the government, non-profit, and business sectors is invited, especially non-profit managers, government leaders from federal, state and local levels, educators, social service providers, and representatives from arts and culture programs. A few of the topics include: "Cutting Edge Technology on an Outdated Budget," "Case Studies in Bridging the Digital Divide," and "Creating the Global Village." Register at [www.ntia.doc.gov](http://www.ntia.doc.gov) or call (202) 482-2048. Note that TIIAP also will be providing grants for FY2000. Details have not yet been released but general information can be obtained from the internet and phone contacts.

**A Citizen Summit to launch Neighborhood Action.** *Mayor Anthony Williams* announces an exciting initiative to engage DC citizens in developing and implementing common goals for our city. Your organization can be a part of Neighborhood Action.

- Invite a Neighborhood Action representative to make a presentation at your next meeting.
- Publish an announcement about Neighborhood Action in your organizational newsletter or on your web page.
- Share your mailing list so all of your members can be invited.
- Recruit at least five members of your organization to participate in the Citizen Summit.

Let Neighborhood Action know how else you can assist them. Contact Neighborhood Action at (202) 727-0882 or [neighborhoodaction@dcm.gov](mailto:neighborhoodaction@dcm.gov). Visit [neighborhoodaction.dcm.gov](http://neighborhoodaction.dcm.gov) on the internet.

**The Largest US Foundations are on the Web!** *The Foundation Center* has lists of the 100 largest US grantmaking foundations ranked by total giving. Each entry is hyper-linked to the foundation's own homepage. Also accessible are lists of the largest corporate and community foundations. Review the lists for potential new funding sources. From [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org) select "Top US Funders" from the quick-link menu.